

When at sea and as a relief I resolved to collect California ferns for those who would not gather them themselves. So you I owe the ambition to make a complete collection of American ferns for the Santa Barbara Socy of Natural History. I have about eighty species (viz) of Land which I found ferns sent me by a friend? (wonder they be of any service to you?) You are sure come to town.

After my return from San Francisco to which city I contemplate a visit this week, I will write you again. Prof. Eaton has brought me two prominently among the named by his reference

to me his list of ferns. I do not know what to say to him in the Dr. T. Mrs. Ritchie name and Prof. Eaton or I probably will be a palanquin of me. I am going out to see to see to me

at the college and during the winter I could not but attend to domestic affairs with all my might

Edward A. Barber
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Dear Sir

I hardly know you
I had corresponded first by
on my return after
much disorder
and during
my correspondence
my undivided
to domestic affairs
I worked
with all my might

By her generous spirit in entertaining me
with her fine collection of ferns. Both growing
and dried, she gave me a new town of
them. One day, during a visit to Philadel-
phia, while on a walk of pleasure, I came
across her greenhouse, entered it once to see
to look at the ferns. There in, I saw
growing varieties, native and foreign. After show-
ing me those, I was thence to look at her
dried specimens. Before I left the city she
prepared me a collection from her dried speci-
mens and a package of living plants. — This
kindness to me an entire stranger quite over-

whelmed a bad cold and
rheumatism obliged me
to stop and now I
have leisure once more.

Your kind letters and
fine parcels of ferns are
all received. Many thanks
for what you have done
for me. I am glad
you received a friend
of the fern that was
new to you. Mrs. Hannah
Ritchie gave it to me
four years ago. Her
husband has quite an ex-
tensive greenhouse in Phila-
delphia. I think in the
neighborhood of 3rd and
American Sts. She it was